

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A cooking implement, comprising:

a rack having at least one food support surface, opposing ends separated by a first length and opposing sides separated by a first width and opposing terminal loop portions; and

a pan having opposing end walls spaced apart by a second length longer than the first length and opposing side walls spaced apart by a second width wider than the first width, wherein the pan has opposing upstanding handles, each having at least one resting surface for supporting a respective terminal loop portion of the rack, each handle further having at least one substantially vertical surface for abutting a respective terminal loop portion of the rack such that the terminal loop portions of the rack may be received by the handles of the pan.
2. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the terminal loop portions of the rack are formed at each end of the rack and the upstanding handles of the pan are formed at the end walls of the pan.
3. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the terminal loop portions of the rack are formed at each side of the rack and the upstanding handles of the pan are formed at the side walls of the pan.
4. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the at least one substantially vertical surface is outwardly facing.

5. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the terminal loop portions of the rack are disposed above the food support surface of the rack.
6. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein said rack also has opposing looped handles including the opposing terminal loop portions.
7. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein each pan handle has two substantially vertical surfaces.
8. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein each pan handle has two resting surfaces.
9. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the terminal loop portions of the rack are formed to lay on top of and protrude exteriorly of the resting and substantially vertical surfaces, respectively, of the pan handles.
10. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the pan handle is cast, forged or stamped metal.
11. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the rack is metal.

12. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the food support surface of the rack is arc-shaped.
13. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the rack is covered with a non-stick coating.
14. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the rack is chrome plated.
15. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the inside surface of the pan is covered with a non-stick coating.
16. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the rack is suspended in the pan such that the food support surface does not contact the pan.
17. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the rack has a convex shape for supporting a food item.
18. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the resting and substantially vertical surfaces are located near the top of the upstanding handle.
19. The cooking implement of claim 1, wherein the substantially vertical surface of the upstanding handle is a retaining surface.

20. The cooking implement of claim 1, where the substantially vertical surface is positioned adjacent to the resting surface on the upstanding handle.